

LAST GAME AT CARDS

Gambler Commits Suicide
When Friends Aid Him.

SQUANDERED LARGE FORTUNE

With Only \$10 in His Pocket Man
Who Gambled Away Several Mil-
lions Seeks Death When He Dis-
covers He Is Allowed to Win Out of
Charity—Pride Cannot Endure It.

Paris, Jan. 18.—Count Hansic, the well-known Polish gambler, who for ten years has started Paris by his high play at cards and his wild extravagances, shot himself at the Hotel Terminus.

The incident which led to his suicide was, perhaps, the most dramatic in his entire career, and one that has rarely been surpassed on the stage or in fiction. Count Hansic came from Warsaw on the death of his father in 1897 with a fortune variously estimated at from \$500,000 to \$2,500,000. He took an expensive house in the Bois de Boulogne, and speedily became one of the most popular men in the city.

He was noted for his extreme care in dress, and for a time he actually set the fashion in neckties.

Gambling was his one passion in life, and he sometimes sat for twelve hours at a time at the tables, winning or losing heavily. He always played for high stakes, and at times his winnings were phenomenal.

Is Penniless.
During the last year, however, he has lost steadily until, three months ago, he became absolutely penniless. His house was sold for the benefit of his creditors, and Count Hansic took a cheap two-roomed apartment. He was too proud to ask for loans from his friends, and he made a brave but pathetic attempt to keep up appearances.

In November, Count Hansic went to Warsaw, and endeavored to secure further funds from the family estates, but was apparently unsuccessful, as, after his return to Paris, he is known to have been more poverty stricken than ever.

Nevertheless, he appeared almost daily at his club in the Boulevard des Capucines, disguised but cheerful, trying to keep up the illusion that he was living in comfortable circumstances.

Count Hansic's friends were anxious to help him, but he refused to accept loans. Last Sunday night several of them decided that they would induce him to play cards, and allow him to win.

The next time the count entered the club he was invited to take a hand in a game. He consented, and the game began for merely nominal stakes.

Allowed to Win Steadily.

Count Hansic won steadily, and the stakes were raised gradually. With each succeeding victory his spirits rose, and when, at last, he had won \$100 he exclaimed triumphantly, "The luck has changed. I shall retrieve everything yet."

But a moment later a friend of one of the other players, who was standing behind the latter's chair, looked at his hand, and exclaimed: "You must be mad. You are not playing at all! Why do you hide your trumps? It is absurd!"

Count Hansic laid down his cards and, pale as death, rose from the table. "I beg your pardon," he said to the other players. "I understand," he added, pushing his winnings toward them. "I shall keep \$10; it will be sufficient for all my requirements," and walked out of the room.

Count Hansic called a cab and drove to the Hotel Terminus at the Gare St. Lazare. He engaged a bedroom and immediately retired. A few moments later a chambermaid was startled by the sound of a shot.

When the door of Count Hansic's room was broken open the count was found lying dead. The rug before the fire, the revolver still clutched in his right hand.

Choked by a Grape.
Cardiff, Jan. 18.—Ellen Wilding, aged seventy-three, of Parbold, near Wigan, choked while eating a grape. Her husband tried to push the grape down her throat, and patted her on the back, but the old lady died before a doctor arrived.

Delirious Man's Race in the Snow.
Belfast, Jan. 18.—While suffering from pneumonia, and delirious, a Belfast carter named Stewart leaped from a second-floor window, and dressed only in a shirt, ran for two miles in the snow. He was caught by a cyclist, and is recovering.



DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND IN GARB OF NURSE.

Many of the aristocratic women, including the Duchess of Sutherland, have become deeply interested in the sea-water cure for general debility and other ills, inaugurated by Dr. Quinton, of London. These women and their friends have purchased an institute for Dr. Quinton in the English capital, which is frequently visited by its titled patronesses. The Duchess of Sutherland, in particular, has evinced much interest in Dr. Quinton's sea-water cure. She is here shown donning blouse and apron, in order to wait upon the patients in the free hospital where the cure is practiced.



BURGLARS TIE MAID

Then Loot House, Carrying
Off the Silverware.

LEAVE IT IN THE GARDEN

Threats to Murder, After Which Girl
Is Tied to the Bedpost—Tells Her
Mistress of the Strange Actions.
False Whiskers of One Man Fall Off
in the Struggle with the Girl.

Cardiff, Jan. 18.—Daisy Dowle, a nineteen-year-old Welsh servant girl, employed by Maj. and Mrs. Griffiths, of Griffithstown, near Pontypool, has told her mistress a remarkable story of how she was awakened by two burglars, forced to divulge the position of the silver, and then brought back to her room and lashed to the bedpost with a rope.

Mrs. Griffiths was roused yesterday morning by cries coming from the girl's room. She rushed to the apartment and found Daisy Dowle tied by her hands to the bed, and in a state of hysteria. She was released and put to bed. When she was calmer she told her extraordinary story.

Dragged from Her Bed.
During the night she said she awoke and found two men standing by the bedside. They dragged her out, and told her to take them to where her mistress's silver was kept, threatening that if she did not do so, she would be dead before dawn. She says she was too terrified to scream.

She was then dragged downstairs, and pointed out to the burglars the oak cupboard where the silver was kept. One burglar then took her back to her room, and having put a handkerchief saturated with chloroform over her mouth, tied her to the post of the bed, while the other burglar kept guard outside the door.

The girl remembers nothing more until she came to her senses and screamed for help at 7 o'clock.
The curious part of the affair is that the silver has been found in the garden. Everything in the cupboard was untouched, except the plate, which was kept in a basket. None of the rooms appears to have been entered, although a considerable quantity of silver was left on the dining-room sideboard.

A basket containing a number of silver forks and spoons was found in the back yard, and later in the day Mr. Stranmore, a local publican, found a silver coffee pot, cream jug, and sugar basin near a high wall about forty yards from the house.

Robbed of Three Shillings.
When Daisy Dowle had told her story to her mistress she collapsed. She recovered later and was sent home in a cab. She gave some further details of the occurrence to her mother. According to this version of the story, the men first asked her where the money was kept, and she told them she had three shillings on the window ledge. This sum they took before they dragged her out of bed. She describes one of them as tall and dark, and about forty years old. The other was a bigger man, and wore false whiskers, which fell off during the struggle. She says she recognized him then as a man who had spoken to her some time ago, and could identify him again.

1857—LAST REUNION OF THE VETERANS OF THE INDIAN MUTINY—1907

The year 1907 will long be remembered in England as a landmark in the history of her arms, not merely by reason of Mr. Haldane's territorial scheme, but on account of the golden anniversary of the Indian mutiny. The King, always in touch with his people, promptly showed his appreciation of the occasion by receiving at a great levee on June 3 the officers who helped to quell the mutiny.

It was left to the private endeavor of the Daily Telegraph to extend a similar

welcome to the rank and file who had borne the heat and burden of 1857, and to entertain them at a banquet. Never again will the veterans gather in such numbers, and the King will never more have the opportunity of receiving so large a number of officers, for since the historic levee in June their decreasing numbers have been thinned.

India itself has shown symptoms of unrest, recalling the mutiny days, but it is clearly not universal, for a free fight oc-

curred in the Indian national congress at Surat last week, owing to a speech of Mr. Tilak, the well-known extremist, who opposed the election of Dr. Ghose, the moderate, as president. Sticks and chairs were used with great effect, and an English journalist was slightly hurt in helping Dr. Ghose to escape.

The Indian in the Transvaal is also showing his teeth, for he scouts the new immigration restriction act. So far 7,000 Indians have declined to register themselves.

TURNS TABLES ON CAPTORS

Trawler's Crew Kidnaps Custom-
house Officers Who Board Craft.

Men Are Held Prisoners for a Week
Before They Are Brought
Into Port.

Edinburgh, Jan. 18.—When the steam trawler Catalonia arrived at Grimsby yesterday the customs authorities were surprised to see an officer and seaman in uniform gesticulating wildly on deck and calling for the immediate arrest of the trawler, her skipper and all on board her.

When the customs officers went aboard they heard a story at which all Grimsby was laughing, although it will probably prove a rather serious matter for the skipper of the trawler. The officer and seaman were a prize crew from the Scottish fisheries board's cruiser Freya, but, instead of being in charge of the trawler, they were practically prisoners. They had been kidnapped by the skipper.

The Catalonia, which sails under the Norwegian flag, although she is owned in Grimsby, was fishing in Moray Firth on Monday last when the Freya appeared, and her commander charged the skipper with fishing illegally within the three-mile limit, and informed him that he was under arrest. He then placed the prize crew aboard, and ordered the officer to bring the prize into Cromarty.

The work of raising the net, however, seemed to be a very long and tedious one, and by the time it was finished the cruiser was out of sight. The officer gave the order to start for Cromarty, but, instead of doing so, the skipper turned the trawler's head out to sea, and, despite his captors' protest, he fished steadily for a week. When he had secured a full cargo of fish he started for Grimsby.

The officer had to admit that he had been fairly well treated by his kidnappers. The skipper shared his Christmas dinner with him and tried to make things as pleasant as possible for him.

The Catalonia has now been placed under arrest, and the skipper will have to answer for his exploit to a Scottish court.

ITEMS FROM ABROAD.

A German tourist expresses the opinion that doing nothing is the national occupation of Koreans.

Raphael considered that a meat diet was not good for a painter, and, therefore, lived principally on dried fruits, such as figs and raisins, with bread.

It is stated that at a depth of 2,000 feet at Oxtun, nine miles from Nottingham, England, a thick seam of hard coal has been found. Steps are being taken to develop the field.

Health statistics of the German fleet indicate that the percentage of insanity is lowest in the engineering branch. The most common disease is eye trouble. Heart trouble comes next.

German papers state that in Germany wind motors as power generators for use in agricultural and industrial pursuits are rarely met with, but that in Denmark their use has increased greatly.

In South Africa, where thunderstorms are terrific, lightning often strikes from stone buildings, and blue flames, sometimes firing buildings, are alleged to play about such outcrops two or three hours after a storm.

The Amazon stone found in small quantities near Colorado Springs, Colo., is greatly in demand. A firm in Germany ordered all that could be procured. The stone is green in color and hard as flint.

Water-softening devices are successfully used on British railways to save boilers. It seems that they reduce the cost of replacing boilers nearly one-half, while being themselves comparatively inexpensive.

The length of railway in operation in British India was appreciably extended during the decade ending with 1906, inclusive, the length of line in working order at the close of 1906 being 23,087, and the progress made during the decade 7,980 miles.

One primitive method of getting water for irrigating vegetable gardens in China is to dig a hole in a shallow river bed and carry the water to fields in American coal oil cans. The well, of course, is lost the next time the river rises.

Besides additional material benefits in the shape of an elevation of their "allowances" from \$2,000 a year to \$3,000, Australian members of Parliament now have a rifle range of their own. In the vaults under the Parliament House, at Melbourne, has been built a miniature range, equipped with self-recording targets.

PRIEST FIGHTS BURGLARS.

Surprises Band About to Rob Church
and Assaults Them Single-handed.

Lisbon, Jan. 18.—A band of burglars has carried off a large quantity of valuables from the rich Church of the Mercês after a desperate fight with a priest, whom they left unconscious behind them.

The burglars broke into the church, thinking it was empty, and were searching for the communion plate, when Father Gorgulho, who had been in one of the confession boxes, surprised them.

He is a young and athletic priest, and disdained to call for help, thinking himself capable of coping with the robbers. He attacked them single-handed with an iron bar, and a desperate fight followed.

When he seemed to be getting the best of the fight Father Gorgulho was prostrated by a terrible blow from behind with a heavy candlestick.

Leaving the priest dead on the floor, the robbers proceeded to loot the church. They broke open the treasury and carried off a large sum in cash, as well as a quantity of plate and gold images, in which the church is rich.

GIRL RAFFLES DEFIES POLICE

Beautiful Set of Burglar's Tools and
Jewelry Found in Her Trunks.

Her Identity a Mystery—Fires Six
Shots at Officers Who Arrest
Her at Station.

Geneva, Jan. 18.—A well-dressed, refined-looking young girl was a few days ago arrested, after firing six revolver shots at the police, at the station of Schlupfheim, near Lucerne, and the mystery of her identity increases as the police inquiry progresses.

A man was arrested with her, the capture of the pair being a matter of difficulty. When the gendarmes approached, the girl, shouting to her companion to shoot, emptied a six-chambered revolver at the police, severely wounding one man. Her companion, however, meekly allowed himself to be handcuffed.

At the police station the girl gave her name as Anna Kummer, aged eighteen, of Halle, Germany, while the man called himself Werner, and said he was thirty-five years old and came from Berlin. He also said that he was in the employ of the girl.

When "Anna Kummer's" luggage was examined at the Hotel Algie a beautifully finished set of burglar's tools and a large quantity of jewels, as well as banknotes and gold, were found, while the man's baggage contained only clothes.

The couple are accused of committing many daring burglaries in this country, especially at Zurich. The police, on making inquiries in Germany, discovered that the names given by the prisoners were false, and they believe that the girl is a member of a wealthy St. Petersburg family who disappeared suddenly months ago.

There is little doubt that the girl's companion is her servant, and she has admitted, shouting to her in search of adventure, but where she learned the "art" of burglary she refuses to state. She will be tried shortly, but as she and her companion refuse to answer questions their real identity may never be known.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

Paris is noted for the number of its legless cripples, who propel themselves along the street in little box trolleys by means of their arms. This fact has prompted the proprietors of the French sporting journal to organize an international race for legless cripples of both sexes.

The skin of the men and women of some nations is much thicker than that of others, particularly in hot countries. The Central African Negro has a skin about half as thick again as that of a European. That of a negro is thickest over the head and back—evidently for a protection from the sun.

It is probable that the portions of the Cullinan diamond removed in cutting it for presentation by the Transvaal to King Edward may be used to make a necklace for Queen Alexandra. The diamond is 2,032 karats uncut, and it is said that one of the cut portions will be almost as large as the Koh-i-noor in its cut form, 106 karats.

MURDERER IS ROBBED

Thrown Into Street, He Ap-
peals to the Police.

HIS STORY SOUNDS PLAUSIBLE

Upon Investigation, However, Facts
Are Revealed, and Russian Authori-
ties Ask His Extradition as a Cold-
blooded Assassin—Son Aided in the
Death of His Father for Robbery.

Milan, Jan. 18.—The Corriere della Sera has received the following telegram from Bucharest: About a month ago, in a small village of Upper Moldavia, a short young man, elegantly dressed, presented himself at the only tavern in the place. He carried in his hand a bundle, from the ends of which appeared the hilt and point of a sword.

The stranger, who spoke with a Russian accent, and was very impatient, asked for a lodging for the night, and was conducted to a small room which served as a dormitory. There he was left alone, and was soon sleeping tranquilly.

Thrown Nude Into Street.

During the night, however, he was aroused by strange noises, and found himself surrounded by the family of the innkeeper, and some other arrivals, who had laid hold of his clothing and the bundle, which contained a valuable sword, many pieces of jewelry, a few diamonds, and some money. The stranger asked, but in vain, that at least his clothes should be left him. He was thrown out into the street with only his shirt on, and wandered about all the rest of the night, shivering with cold, until he reached the office of the commissary of police, where he related his adventure.

He stated that he was the son of Admiral Rataschevitch, commander of the Imperial yacht, adding that he had fled from Russia, as he had been a participant in a political plot. Soon, however, the Russian authorities asked the Roumanian government for the extradition of the fugitive, who, they said, was guilty of a monstrous crime. Rataschevitch, it was alleged, had led a vicious and irregular life at Kishineff, where he was an officer of Cossacks. Impelled by the necessity of getting money somehow, he agreed with a friend of his, named Romanoff, to murder the latter's father, who was a wealthy landed proprietor.

Kills His Friend's Father.

He repaired one night to the country house where the elder Romanoff lived, and was let in by the son, who hid him in an attic, awaiting a propitious moment for carrying out their design. After a week's waiting, some guests having been sent away from the house by a strange-scented Rataschevitch armed himself with a hammer, and, assisted by his friend, cautiously entered the old man's bedroom and battered his head. Having thus accomplished his crime and collected some valuables, Rataschevitch fled to Roumania, while the parried, Romanoff, embarked for America.

Yesterday Rataschevitch, after having confessed his horrible crime to the Roumanian police commissary, tried to escape by jumping from a window on the first floor of the palace of justice. He was, however, soon recaptured and taken back to the prison.

DIES NEAR DEAD FIANCEE.

Covers Her Bed with Fragrant Flow-
ers, Then Blows Out His Brains.

Nice, Jan. 18.—A tragic ending to a romance of two young French people of good family occurred at Nice yesterday, when M. Georges Hucher, a medical student and the son of a well-known official of one of the government offices, killed himself at the bedside of his dead fiancée, Mlle. Juliette de Raymond.

Mlle. de Raymond had been under treatment at the private hospital of Dr. Fovier, in Paris, where M. Hucher was an assistant. The student fell in love with her, but his parents would not hear of a marriage, owing to the girl's delicate state of health.

The pair finally eloped. They went to Nice, where they took a beautiful ground-floor flat, with a large garden overlooking the Promenade des Anglais, and M. Hucher hoped that the warmth of the climate would cure his sweetheart and enable them to marry. But Mlle. de Raymond grew worse, and died in her lover's arms on Thursday morning.

Hucher was frantic with grief. Yesterday he stripped the garden of all its flowers, roses, arum lilies and white lilacs, and ordered large quantities from Nice. He went into the bedroom where his fiancée was lying, and covered her with flowers until the bed was one large floral bank.

Then he stretched himself at the girl's feet and shot himself through the head.

Curious Postal Packets.

London, Jan. 18.—Among the articles which passed through the Bath post-office at Christmas was a woman's small satin shoe with the stamp affixed to the upper where the toed toe, and the address and a message of greeting written on the sole. Another missile consisted of the round top of a pill box, with the address on one side and a little drawing on the other.

Little Girl's Bravery.

Paris, Jan. 18.—The diploma of honor of the French Life-Saving Society has been awarded to Lily Ripton, the little daughter of a noncommissioned officer at Colchester Camp, for her bravery in rescuing another child from drowning. After the rescue she remembered that she had been forbidden to go near the water, and walked about until her clothes were dry.

FLEE FROM REIGN OF TERROR.

Social Life in Barcelona Completely
Paralyzed and Hotels Empty.

Madrid, Jan. 18.—King Alfonso has signed a decree suspending the constitutional guarantees in the provinces of Barcelona and Gerona, in order to give the authorities greater facilities in prosecuting the Terrorists more vigorously.

Certain newspapers publish violent articles against Inspector Arrows, the English detective, who is now chief of the private police in Barcelona, but these criticisms are not taken seriously, as the police, under the direction of Mr. Arrows, has not yet started its functions, the appointments proposed by the chief having not yet been approved by the authorities. Mr. Arrows has, however, organized the work, and the police will begin to act in a few days.

The situation in Barcelona is causing serious uneasiness to the government. Social life is completely paralyzed, and many families are fleeing from the town. The hotels are empty, and many of them have decided to close if the situation does not improve.

So far, there is no clue to the author of the bomb outrage. The bomb was a shell ten centimeters in length, loaded with dynamite, nails, and pieces of iron. According to technical experts, if it had not been for the mattress, and if the explosion had occurred in a narrow street, the number of victims would have reached hundreds.

RUN OVER BY OWN MOTOR.

Lady Gwendolen Cecil Victim of a
Peculiar Accident.

London, Jan. 18.—Lady Gwendolen Cecil, daughter of the late Marquis of Salisbury, who is an expert motorist, met with an extraordinary accident while driving a light electrically propelled "runabout" car in Hatfield Park on Monday afternoon.

Going down alone to the motor shed after lunch, Lady Gwendolen got out the car which was a present to her from the late marquis—and set off to drive through the park. She dismounted to open a heavy gate and fixed it back against a post. She drove the car through and up a slight incline, and dismounted once more to close the gate behind her.

The car, suddenly running backward down the slope, struck her in the back, knocked her down and passed over her, breaking two ribs.

Nobody witnessed the accident. With remarkable fortitude, Lady Gwendolen raised herself from the ground and managed to walk the hundred yards which separated her from a forester's house, whence she was conveyed in a brougham to Hatfield House. She passed a quiet night, and was yesterday reported to be progressing favorably.

Buy Cast-off Uniforms.

Strange as it may seem, a lot of money is made out of policemen's cast-off uniforms. Quantities are bought by African traders and exported to various parts of the "Dark Continent," where they are exchanged for palm oil, ivory, skins, and other merchandise. It is by no means uncommon sight to see a swarthy savage dressed in the uniform of a London policeman and wearing the regulation helmet of the force.

Militiamen Ride on Oxen.

A strange and comical military body is a troop of cavalry at St. de Moorway, a province on the east coast of Africa, which is under the rule of the French governor general at Madagascar. These soldiers go about their military operations on oxen. The animals are lean creatures, and they move with surprising rapidity.

Saved 932 Lives.

Liverpool, Jan. 18.—932 lives were saved by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's boats during the past year, and forty-three vessels were saved from partial or total loss.



PLEASURE BOAT THAT DOES NOT SAIL—THE DOWAGER EMPRESS OF CHINA'S MARBLE SHIP.

In the lake in the Summer Palace at Peking is a garden house in the form of a ship. The vessel is built of marble, and resembles an elaborate pleasure junk. It belongs to the Dowager Empress.